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Applicant: Dr. Pietro PADOVANI ) Re: Information Disclosure  
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filed on February 14, 2002 ) Our Ref: B-4501DIV 621212-6  
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For: "PROCESS AND PLANT FOR HANDLING)  
THERMOFORMED OBJECTS FOR A )  
SINGLE-STATION THERMOFORMING MACHINE)  
WITH FORM AND CUT MOULD" ) Date: December 11, 2003

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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the documents cited by the Examiner and/or submitted by the Applicant in connection with U.S. Serial No. 10/077,120 filed on February 14, 2002 (the parent of the Applicants' subject application) be considered by the Examiner before issuing the first Office Action on the merits.

For the Examiner's convenience, Form PTO-1449 (modified) is enclosed herewith listing the documents cited by the Examiner and/or submitted by the Applicant in connection with U.S. Serial No. 10/077,120.

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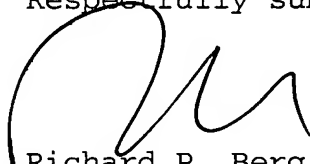
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The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

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